

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, October 10, 1728.

From the Post Boy Oct. 3.

Berlin, Sept. 28.

WE are informed that a Marriage of very great Moment is now on foot. The King and Queen, also the 3 eldest Princesses, are at the Castle of Machenau, diverting themselves with Hunting for several Days.

Paris, Oct. 9. The King spends now part of his Time in reading a new History of Rome in 6 Voll. written by the Abbot de Fontaines. The Plenipotentiaries meet daily at Fountainbleau; but tho' they expect that the Couriers will shortly return from their respective Courts, with new Instructions, the last Hand cannot be put to the great Work of Peace before the Duke de Bournonville comes back from Madrid.

Letters from Spain confirm the Accounts we have had of raising the Specie of that Kingdom, on the foot of 4 Reals each Piafter; which is very near the intrinsic Value of our Ecu's or Crown-pieces of six Livres.

Vienna, Sept. 22. General Hamilton, Collonel of the Emperor's Foot Guards, is so dangerously ill that his Life is despaired of.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Oct. 3.

Hague, Oct. 5. We learn from Paris that the Duke de Bournonville was expected back from Madrid in 2 Months, by which time it was hoped the Peace would be brought to a Conclusion.

London, Oct. 3. On Sunday night a Cabinet-maker was attacked by 3 Street-robbers on Snowhill, the eldest of whom he took; and what is most surprising is, that he is not above 14 Years of Age. The others seeing Company coming by, made their Escape.

Several of the Guards, we hear, are taken up for Street Robberies, and that several others being accused, are gone off.

Ms. Jones, who was said to have been buried last Week from her Habitation near Doverstreet, a-

ged 105, was so much contrasted with Age that her Coffin, which was not above 3 Foot long, was very near as much in Depth.

From the Evening Post, Oct. 3.

Petersburg, Sept. 14. The freshest Letters from Moscow import, That Advice was arrived there from Derbent, that Sultau Eskeff, after marching away his Troops from the Neighbourhood of that Place, and drawn them up into one Body, sent an Officer to the Governor of Derbent, to acquaint him that he was ready to conclude a lasting Peace with the Emperor of Russia; provided that among other Conditions, his Imperial Majesty engages to supply him with a certain Number of Troops to act against his Enemies.

London, Oct. 3. This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 103, 1 4th.

From the London Evening Post, Oct. 3.

A PROPOSAL, humbly offered to the Consideration of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Court of Aldermen, and Recorder of the City of London, as also to his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, and the City and Liberties of Westminster, for preventing Street Robberies.

[Worthy Sirs, In the following Proposal I have no other View than the good of my Country, and Welfare of this opulent City; so if any Thing is amiss, I hope your Goodness will pardon it, from your most obedient Servant, A. R.]

I THAT in the Winter half Year, the Watch be doubled, and set by nine at night in the Out-parts, and ten in the City, and the Watch to be relieved every two Hours from the Watch House and not to sit constantly still, but to patrol from their Stand to the next, and then back again, and no Watchman employed under 24, or above 50 Years of Age, and that they be armed with Pistols as well as Staffs, at the Expence of the Parishes; and that the Lord Mayor for the Time being, Justices, &c. oblige the several Constables to go round their



their Precincts every Hour or two Hours at farthest, and the Constables to have Power, (if they have not already) to send such Watchmen to Goal as shall be missing from their respective Stands or Walks.

II. That no Watchman be permitted to go from his Stand to light any Person home, it being notorious they nightly do it for small Lucre, to any part of the Town, by which means Houses are broken up, and Street Robberies committed.

III. That every Alderman in his Ward, and the Justices in Middlesex and Westminster, take special Care that no Night Houses, Night Cellars and Common Gin-Shops be permitted within their Jurisdiction; for these Places are not only the Resort of idle dissolute People and Street Robbers, but draw the Watch from their several Stands, it being but too common to find four or five Watchmen sitting a Drinking from the Time they cry'd the Hour till the Hour comes to be cry'd again, with as many Vagabonds (and Apprentices lock'd out of their Master's Houses for late Hours) who finding the Watch not on Duty, dispatch their Comrades to commit Robberies.

IV. That the Number of Hackney Coaches allowed to be out after eleven at Night, be fixed, and the Names of the Drivers, as well as Renters of the Figure be registred, and their Characters well enquired into, and approved by the Hackney Coach-Office before hired; for 'tis strongly suspected that several of the Drivers of Hackney Coaches are in confederacy with the Street Robbers, as some late Robberies but too plainly shew.

V. That great Care be taken in bailing Assaults, &c. That sham Bail be not taken, for oftentimes great Offenders are apprehended for small Offences, which are bailable by Law, and who by topping of sham Bail, (i. e. personating others, or getting of mean and obscure People, who are not to be met with afterwards) escape the Punishment due to 'em, and probably prevent other Indictments, which capitally might convict them.

VI. That when any Street-robber is committed to Newgate, in the Kalendar that is printed of the Trials for the ensuing Sessions, they should set 'em down divided into so many Days, that is, so many to be tried the first, 2d, or 3d Day; by which means, Prosecutors might know when to attend

and appear against the Criminals: Whereas now, People attend 2 or 3 Days before the Trial comes on in which they are concerned, to the great Detriment of their Affairs, in Loss of Time and Spending their Money; which makes People backward in Prosecutions, finding so much Trouble and Difficulty in pursuing the same.

VII. It should be presented to the Lords of the Treasury, that when Street Robbers shall be convicted, to allow a Person to pay in open Court the Reward granted for such Conviction, without any Fee or Reward, to such Person or Persons as the Recorder or his Deputy shall adjudge the same; by which Method People would have the full Reward, without attending or soliciting at the Treasury, and without any Fee or Deduction whatsoever: Whereas several Persons have sold the Rewards for the fourth Part of the Value, finding so much Difficulty in getting the same, and not knowing how, when, and where properly to apply; and if this last Article was punctually observed, many Persons would set about the apprehending these Villains, so as soon to extirpate them and put an End to Practices so dishonourable to this noble City, and parts adjacent.

VIII. That all Street Robbers committed for Facts within the City of London, should be prosecuted at the Charge of the City, those in Middlesex at the Charge of the County, and those in Westminster at the Charge of that Liberty; for often Times 'tis poor People apprehend these Fellows, who have not wherewithall to carry on a Prosecution, or are kept back by the indirect Practices of your Newgate Solicitors, and so are induced for a Sum in Hand, not to appear to prosecute, or to stifle in some Manner the Prosecution.

IX. That it be humbly represented to his Most Christian Majesty (for the publick Good) not to allow Transportation, Pardon or Reprieve to Street-robbers, when convicted; which would not only prevent the troubling his Majesty by Solicitations, but in some measure deter these Villains from offending, as knowing their Reward to be sure and certain Death.

XV. B. This Scheme may be liable to Errors, and want several Clauses to make it effectual: Therefore the Proposer would be glad to see some

some abler Hand undertake the Task, and offer his Sentiments freely, as he has done, for the Service of his Country.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Oct. 5.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Flanders, and one from Holland.

TIS said, that after the Return of their Majesties from Windsor for the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Sunderland will be created a Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter, vacant by the Death of the Earl of Lincoln; and that the Arrears due to the Members of the Cabinet-Council of his late Majesty, are by Order of the Government to be discharged.

All Powers concerned in the Congress seem resolved not to make any Reduction of their Forces, till they shall see the Issue of the Negotiations; which would not have been so long retarded but thro' the Obstinacy of a certain Power, insisting on such Propositions as are not agreeable to Honour and Justice to be complied with: But according to what we lately mentioned, there are very good Reasons to conclude, that he has since receded from all his Pretensions, and that the public Peace and Tranquillity will be soon restored, notwithstanding the Handle which some People industriously made for instilling Jealousies, of the Accounts that are given of great maritime Preparations of War making in all the Ports of Spain, and the Augmentation of the Land-forces of that Kingdom.

In Sir Robert Walpole's House at Chelsea a Boy was found hid last Thursday Night, with design, as he confessed, to let in five Persons, Coal-Porters of that Town, as soon as the Family went to Bed, when they were to gag all the Persons and rob the House. Four of the Fellows have been since taken and committed to Newgate; where are now about 200 Persons to be tried for divers Crimes. The Lords of the Treasury have ordered Warrants for the Payment of 500 L. for Rewards petitioned for by divers Persons for apprehending Street-Robbers.

Mrs. Smith, one of the chief Mercuries, was last Night bailed out of Newgate by a Habeas Corpus, her Surety and herself in 800 l. Bail.

The Persons mentioned in our last to be taken in Custody for printing the Letter of *Amos Dudge*

in *Mist's Journal* of the 24th of August, answered Paragraph by Paragraph, are ordered to find Sureties for their Appearance at the King's Bench Bar Westminster the 1st of next Term.

We learn from Newcastle upon Tyne, That on Saturday last Stephen Colson, Esq; was chosen Alderman of that Corporation, in room of Sir William Blacket deceased.

'Tis observed, that the *Craftsman* and *Fog's Journal* begin now to behave better with respect to the Government; the former in a particular Manner has done it, in a long Letter which seemingly exposes and vilifies the Insinuations and Method the Jacobites make use of, to animate People against the present Ministry by ridiculing all Foreign Negotiations.

By the Holland Mail there are Letters from Soissons of the 3d Inst. advising, That on Wednesday before Date M. Pointz set out thence for Paris to confer with their Excellencies Horatio Walpole and Mr. Stanhope, on the Contents of the Dispatches he received that Day by a Courier from London; but the Result we must wait for Time to discover.

From Dresden, That the King of Poland is recovered so well, that he was resolved to go to Warsaw in a very short Time; and that before his Departure the King of Prussia will confer with him at Wormsdorf.

Our distressed Protestant Brethren Abroad apply themselves to the K. of Sweden in a very moving Manner for Redress of their Grievances.

'Tis wrote from Constantinople by good Hands that an unexpected Revolution has happened in Persia, Prince Tahmas, Son to the late murdered Sophi, having totally routed Sultan Esfend's Army; and being declar'd King, was going to possess himself of Isfahan.

The Convocation of the Clergy is further prorogued to the 14th of December.

Last Thursday the High Sheriff of the County of Berks, attended by the Mayor and Recorder of Reading, waited on his Majesty at Windsor, and was graciously received.

From the Evening Post, Oct. 5.

Madrid, Sept. 21. The King still keeps his Chamber; several Dispatches of Importance are sent to the

the Italian Courts, and one especially to the Governor of Porto Longone. Orders are at length sent to Cadiz for the Men of War to sail, and fetch home the Galleons, which now may soon be expected. Several Regiments of Dragoons are on their March towards Andalusia, to cover the Coasts of that Province for Security.

London, Oct. 5. Last Sunday a Hog got into a House at Wayhill-Fair in Hampshire, and cut off a young Child's Hands that lay in a Cradle; but the Child is like to do well.

'Tis said that the Duke de Riparda is arrived in England.

S. S. Stock, 103, 14th.

From the London Evening-Post, Oct. 5.

Madrid, Sept. 21. The Court hath sent Orders to Cadiz for several Men of War to put to Sea: Some say to meet the Galleons, which are shortly expected home from America; and others pretend they are to cruise at a certain Distance from the Coasts of Andalusia, on the Corsairs of Barbary, and other Vessels that should attempt to oppose the Passage of the Galleons: It seems as if some Umbrage was taken, on account of several English Vessels that have been seen off of Cadiz, and some Fregates of the same Nation on the Coasts of Galicia; and therefore Orders have been sent to some Regiments to march into Andalusia for the Safety of the Coasts of that Province.

Vienna, September 29. 'Tis written from Paris, That the Chevalier de Sinzendorf, Son of the Emperor's first Plenipotentiary, was to set out from thence forthwith to bring to the Emperor a final Resolution touching the Affair of the Congress.

From the Post Boy, Oct. 5.

Madrid, Sept. 21. Besides the six Men of War and two Bilanders lately built at St. Andero, two other Men of War and one Fregate has been put upon the Stocks. The Battallion of Switzers lately raised in the Principality of Catalonia is now

complete, and will be new clothed next Month, after the Pattern of the Regiment of Switz Guards in France.

Arb. Oct. 4. On Wednesday the 25th past came on the Election of the Magistrates and Town Council of Bervie, and the following Persons were elected:

Mr. Charles Maitland of Pittrichie, Advocate, only Son of the late Baron Maitland, one of the Barons of Exchequer, *Provost*.

John Walker, Alexander Chaplain and David Stephen *Baillies*.

John Robertson, *Dean of Guild*.

James Linton, *Treasurer*.

Robert Dickie, John Pierie, William Molyson, George Watson, John Baine, James Christie, Thomas Christie, George Coutts and Robert Barclay, *Counsellors*.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

*** That the Crown and Common GLASS for Windows, &c. is to be sold at the Warehouses in Leith, by Michael Watson Merchant there; where punctual Attendance will be given.

*** ALEXANDER BAYNE, Professor of the Municipal Law, begins his College upon the first Monday of November ensuing.

By Order of the General Meeting of the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance,

All the Contributors are appointed to renew their Bonds for their Capital Premiums betwixt and Martinmas next, with Certification, that if they neglect so to do, immediate Diligence will be done on their said Bonds; And for their Accommodation, Attendance is given daily at the Office from 10 to 12 in the Forenoon, and from 3 to 5 in the Afternoon, Saturdays excepted.

THO. ELIOT Secretary

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